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BEGIN SUMMARY. AT PRIVATE MEETING ON JAN 21, PERMREPS OF "THE THIRTEEN" AGREED TO RETURN TO ORIGINAL DATES OF MARCH 9-10 FOR DPC PARTICIPATION IN NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PHASE OF WINTEX. PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE WILL END ON MARCH 8 AT THE DECLARATION OF GENERAL ALERT. END SUMMARY.

1. ACTING SYG PANSA HELD PRIVATE MEETING OF 13 PERMREPS ON JAN 21 (REFTEL) TO MAKE PROPOSAL FOR RETURNING TO ORIGINAL MARCH 9-10 SCHEDULE FOR DPC PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX 75 AND EXCLUDING PORTUGUESE FROM NUCLEAR PHASE OF EXERCISE. PANSA REVIEWED PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECT, REPORTED THAT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO RETURN TO ORIGINAL DPC PARTICIPATION DATES AND ASKED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

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2. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, PERMREPS CONCLUDED THAT DPC EXCLUSION OF PORTUGUESE FROM NUCLEAR PHASE OF EXERCISE WOULD NOT PRODUCE REACTION IN PORTUGAL UNFAVORABLE TO NATO. PANSA AND SEVERAL PERMREPS MADE POINT THAT PROPOSED SOLUTION WHICH

EXCLUDES PORTUGUESE FROM PARTICIPATING IN NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PHASE OF WINTEX IS CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT POLICY WITHIN NATO OF DENYING PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO ATOMAL AND COSMIC/TOP SECRET INFORMATION.

3. FOCUSING ON APPROPRIATE TIME TO END PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX, PERMREPS EXAMINED SCHEDULE AND DETERMINED BEST CUT OFF TIME TO BE AT DECLARATION OF GENERAL ALERT WHICH TAKES PLACE EARLY ON SATURDAY, MARCH 8. AT RECOMMENDATION OF MILITARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, ADMIRAL SIR PETER HILL-NORTON, PERMREPS DECIDED THAT ALL EXERCISE INFORMATION FLOW TO PORTUGAL SHOULD TERMINATE AT CUT OFF TIME AND THAT MC CHAIRMAN SHOULD DRAFT APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR NATO HEADQUARTERS STAFF, NATO MILITARY COMMANDS AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

4. PANSO SUMMARIZED BY STATING THAT PERMREPS ARE NOW AGREED TO PROCEED WITH THE ORIGINAL WINTEX SCHEDULE FOR DPC PARTICIPATION IN THE NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PHASE ON SUNDAY-MONDAY, MARCH 9-10; AND THE PORTUGUESE WILL PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE UNTIL THE DECLARATION OF GENERAL ALERT ON MARCH 8, AT WHICH TIME ALL EXERCISE COMMUNICATIONS TO PORTUGAL WILL CEASE.
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